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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am writing the court because I am very concerned about the case of US v. Microsoft. From my reading on the case, I believe I am able to introduce public comments into the record. Please accept this letter as my public comment.

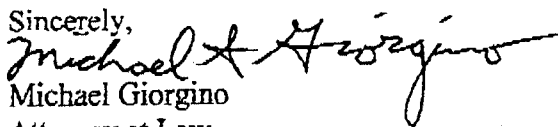
I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of California and in the Federal Courts. While I have not reviewed this case in depth, I understand its core issues. I am a concerned citizen who truly abhors government waste. My concern about wasted taxpayer dollars inspired me to write this letter.

Before September 11, the US Government spent more on the case against Microsoft than it did trying to stop the actions of Osama Bin Laden. We, the American taxpayers, have funded this case long enough. It has gone on almost four years and cost untold millions of dollars. To date, I know of nothing positive which has come from this case. The tech industry is down, innovations have slowed, and almost every state (including California) went from a surplus to a deficit in their budgets.

Novelist/philosopher Ayn Rand wrote that Antitrust is "the penalizing of ability for being ability, the penalizing of success for being success, and the sacrifice of productive genius to the demands of envious mediocrity." Microsoft's competitors initiated this case so they could gain from the courts what they were unable to accomplish in the free market. Enough is enough! Wasting a single additional taxpayer dollar persecuting Bill Gates' brilliant and innovative company is unacceptable—economic progress cannot be achieved at the point of a gun.

I urge the court to accept the proposed settlement in the interests of fiscal responsibility and economic justice.

Sincerely,


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